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**Mission:** The Cathay Amateur Radio Club is basically an active social club of Ham Radio Operators and their spouses. We support local community requests for HAM emergency communications. Several of us are trained in CPR/ First Aid and are involved with community disaster preparedness.

**Monday Night Net Time:** 9 PM Local Time/PST, Repeater: WB6TCS - RX 147.210, TX 147.810, Offset +0.6 MHz, CTCSS/Tone PL100 Hz

Please note: Repeater: N6MNV UHF 442.700 Mhz, Offset +5MHz, CTCSS/Tone PL 173.8 Hz in South San Francisco is cross linked every Monday Night Net at 9 p.m. to WB6TCS 2-meter repeater.

The CARC Monday night net is the best way to find out the latest club news. All check-ins are welcome.

**Message from the President:** George Chong, W6BUR

Hello CARC Members and Friends;

Many thanks to Mr. Denis L. Moore – WB6TCS for the use of his repeater for our CARC Monday Night Net.

## Silent Key



Bill Chin - KC6POF, August 19, 1949 – June 22, 2020 age 70, has passed away from natural causes.

Bill was a long time CARC member and was our club secretary for many years. Bill grew up in San Francisco Chinatown.

He was a very active participant with the CARC activities that including hosting Ham Amateur Radio Exams, Monday Night NETS, luncheons and dinners functions. He even selected the Kome seafood buffet restaurant location in Daly City for our many enjoyable club luncheons.

Bill received his Master's degree from UC Berkeley in Architecture and as a civilian worked with the US Airforce until his retirement.

Bill was a loving husband to his wife Flo (Florence) Chin of many years who passed away in 2018. He is survived by his brother Jimmy, sister Helen and many nieces and nephews. Many folks were not aware that Flo was a contestant in the Miss Chinatown Pageant.

Bill was an active member of the First Chinese Baptist Church in Chinatown and also involved with the Chinatown Disaster Preparedness Committee (CDPC) lead by NICOS.

Among Bill's many talents was his excellent cooking abilities. He was frequently seen shopping for both fresh vegetables and fresh fish at the various San Francisco Chinatown Food Markets along Stockton Street.

CARC member Edison Fong - – *WB6/QN* remembers meeting Bill Chin back in 1985 during a HAM Radio Swap meets and enjoyed talking to him.

CARC member Howard Louie - N6MNV: My fondest memories of Bill were all the years going to all the Radio Swaps Meets super early in the morning to catch all the Deals and having to bring our flashlights to see what we might want to buy and trying to chew the price down. He also offered mentorship for my Kid's High School Senior Project relating to Amateur Radio. Bill's Decades of Friendship will sorely be missed.

CARC George Chong: I remember having dinner with both Bill and Flo at my home several times. We had a lovely time.

CARC Rodney Yee: It was Bill that introduced me to the Chinatown Disaster Preparedness Committee (CDPC) of which I am an active participant.

Bill was widely known among the CARC members and will be greatly missed.

Many thanks to CARC Charter Member and former CARC Editor Victor Louie, KD6MZF for assistance with this write up.

## **Tech Article Intro**

This article is a **Medical ALERT Bulletin** from the FDA about certain Hand Sanitizer produced by Eskbiochem Company. .

For your safety please check the label of your bottle of Hand Santizer is not on the list of dangerous items.

Apparently Mexican Company Eskbiochem has produced Hand Sanitizers contains the toxic Methanol (also known as methyl alcohol) instead of the safer Ethanol (also known as ethyl alcohol or grain alcohol or drinking alcohol).

Additional details are in the Tech Article Section.

## **Maggie Gee - Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) of World Word II**

As many of you know that I served in the US Army Air Corp during World War II. In 1944, I trained and served as a belly turret gunner on a B-17.

During my time in the Army Air Corp, I came across Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) who were ferrying military aircraft to various military bases for deployment. They also assisted various important aircrew training roles.

The WASP were civilian women pilots' organization, whose members were United States federal civil service employees and supported the US War efforts by filling in certain non-combat pilot roles.

The job of WASP was not without dangers and 38 WASP were killed in flight accidents. There were 1,074 women that completed the WASP

On Sept. 20, 1977, a select House subcommittee on veteran affairs heard testimony on H.R. 3277, a bill which recognized WASP service as active duty in the armed forces and entitled them to veterans' benefits. President Carter signed the bill into law, Nov. 23, 1977.

On July 1, 2009, President Barack Obama and the United State Congress awarded the WASP the Congressional Gold Medal for their invaluable service. The roughly 300

surviving WASPs were on hand to witness the event. During the ceremony President Obama said, "The Women Airforce Service Pilots courageously answered their country's call in a time of need while blazing a trail for the brave women who have given and continue to give so much in service to this nation since. Every American should be grateful for their service, and I am honored to sign this bill to finally give them some of the hard-earned recognition they deserve."



Maggie Gee (sk) was a WASP. I saw her for the first time when I was a young man in the US Army Air Corp.

Back then I was too young and shy to introduce myself to her.

Maggie Gee was an Chinese American Asian pilot and pretty lady was something else (after all I was born and raised in SF Chinatown).

During my training, I may have shot real bullets at her when she was flying a towing target aircraft.

I finally met Maggie Gee several years ago during a dinner event to honor Asians in service of the US Air Force.

To read up about the only two Asian American WASP pilots Maggie Gee and Hazel Ying Lee see: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/21/obituaries/hazel-ying-lee-and-maggie-gee-overlooked.html>

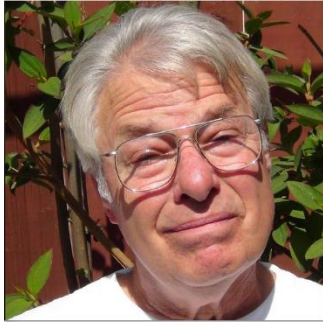
Please help get Maggie Gee's get her name into the Oakland Airport: "Maggie Gee International Airport". Follow link: <https://www.change.org/p/chris-lytle-rename-oakland-airport-after-trailblazing-asian-american-woman-pilot>

If we could make this happen, it would be the first airport name after a women.

Many thanks for reading about my dear friend: Maggie Gee.

- George Chong – W6BUR

## **Additional Thoughts**



On a personal note, I wish to send our prayers for our CARC NET Controller member Terry Arnall WB6TA , who is gravely ill.

For many years, Terry has been one of our key Cathay Radio Net Controller that we have come to rely upon every third Monday.

Terry is a retired Plant Maintenance Mechanic at SD-1 at East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD). He recently gave up his CARC Net Controller role due to his illness

I wish to thank all of our CARC members especially our dedicated Net controllers that set aside their valuable time to participate in our Monday night's nets.

Chat sub s'em to all you CARC members! - George W6BUR.

## **Public Service Announcements**

### **HAM CRAM / HAM Licensing**

For upcoming HAM Licensing locations please refer to:

<http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

### **Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS)**

The Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) was organized by the San Francisco Office of Emergency Services (OES) following the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake to support the communications needs of the City and County of San Francisco when responding to emergencies and special events.

The Auxiliary Communications Service holds General Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the San Francisco Emergency Operations Center, 1011 Turk Street (between Gough Street and Laguna Street), from 1900 hours to 2100 hours local time. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

The ACS Net begins at 1930 hours (7:30 p.m.) local time each Thursday evening, on the WA6GG repeater at 442.050 MHz, positive offset, tone 127.3 Hz. The purpose of

this net is to practice Net Control skills, practice checking in with deployment status in a formal net, and to share information regarding upcoming ACS events. Guests are welcome to check in. ACS Members should perform Net Control duty on a regular basis. On the second Thursday of each month, the net will be conducted on the output frequency of the WA6GG repeater, 442.050 MHz no offset, tone 127.3 Hz, simplex.

For more information, please attend an ACS meeting or check in on a net, or call 415-558-2717.

Upcoming meetings: TBD Pending COVID-19 Updates

### **Gilbert Gin (KJ6HKD)**

Free Disaster Preparedness Classes In Oakland:  
<http://www.oaklandnet.com/fire/core/index2.html>

CORE is a free training program for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations in Oakland. The underlying premise is that a major disaster will overwhelm first responders, leaving many citizens on their own for the first 72 hours or longer after the emergency.

If you have questions about the recertification process, you may contact the CORE Coordinator at 510-238-6351 or [core@oaklandnet.com](mailto:core@oaklandnet.com).

### **Free Disaster Preparedness Classes In San Francisco – NERT Taught by San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD).**

<http://sf-fire.org/calendar-special-events>

Upcoming events                                  TBD

\***SFFD DOT** is the Fire Department Division of Training. All participants walking, biking or driving **enter through the driveway gate on 19th St.** between Folsom and Shotwell. Parking is allowed along the back toward the cinderblock wall.

Visit [www.sfgov.org/sffdnerf](http://www.sfgov.org/sffdnerf) to learn more about the training, other locations, and register on line.   Upcoming Special NERT Events.

## **San Francisco Police Department: Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT)**

The Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) is a citizen disaster preparedness program designed. The ALERT program is for volunteers 16 years of age or older, who live, work, or attend high school in San Francisco.

Graduates of the San Francisco Police Activities League (P.A.L) Law Enforcement Cadet Academy are also eligible to join.

ALERT volunteers will no longer need to complete the Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) ([www.sfgov.org/sfnert](http://www.sfgov.org/sfnert)) training and then graduate into two 8 hour Police Department course specifically designed for ALERT team members.

ALERT members will work closely with full-time and/or Reserve Police Officers in the event they are deployed after a disaster. The Basic ALERT volunteer will have no law enforcement powers other than those available to all citizens.

### **SFPD ALERT Training (New Members)**

The next SFPD ALERT training class has been scheduled for **TBD**. The class will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, in the parking lot bungalow, from 8am-5pm (one hour lunch break) on Saturday.

\* Class date indicated are only for new members

IMPORTANT- All participants must complete the background interview process in order to be eligible to attend the ALERT training class.

Eligible ALERT participants may register for a training class by contacting the ALERT Program Coordinator, Marina at [sfpdalert@sfgov.org](mailto:sfpdalert@sfgov.org), or by telephone at 415-401-4615.

### **SFPD ALERT Practice/Training Drill**

All active/trained ALERT members are asked to join us for our next training drill, scheduled for on **TBD** from 9 AM – 1pm. Details will be emailed to active ALERT members, prior to the date of the exercise. Participation is not required, but strongly encouraged.

For more information on the San Francisco Police Department ALERT Program, email us at [sfpdalert@sfgov.org](mailto:sfpdalert@sfgov.org), or call Lt. Marina Chacon (SFPD Ret.), SFPD ALERT Program Coordinator, at (415) 401-4615.

For additional information on the web please refer to:

<https://sfgov.org/policecommission/alert>

## Tech Article



### **FDA advises consumers not to use hand sanitizer products manufactured by Eskbiochem**

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-advises-consumers-not-use-hand-sanitizer-products-manufactured-eskbiochem>

[6/19/2020] FDA advises consumers not to use any hand sanitizer manufactured by Eskbiochem SA de CV in Mexico, due to the potential presence of methanol (wood alcohol), a substance that can be toxic when absorbed through the skin or ingested. FDA has identified the following products manufactured by: Eskbiochem

- All-Clean Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-002-01)
- Esk Biochem Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-007-01)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 75% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-008-04)
- Lavar 70 Gel Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-006-01)
- The Good Gel Antibacterial Gel Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-010-10)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 80% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-005-03)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 75% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-009-01)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 80% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-003-01)
- Saniderm Advanced Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-001-01)

FDA tested samples of Lavar Gel and CleanCare No Germ. Lavar Gel contains 81 percent (v/v) methanol and no ethyl alcohol, and CleanCare No Germ contains 28 percent (v/v) methanol. Methanol is not an acceptable ingredient for hand sanitizers and should not be used due to its toxic effects.

Consumers who have been exposed to hand sanitizer containing methanol should seek immediate treatment, which is critical for potential reversal of toxic effects of methanol poisoning. Substantial methanol exposure can result in nausea, vomiting, headache, blurred vision, permanent blindness, seizures, coma, and permanent damage to the nervous system or death. Although all persons using these products on their hands are at risk, young children who accidentally ingest these products and adolescents and adults who drink these products as an alcohol (ethanol) substitute, are most at risk for methanol poisoning.

On June 17, 2020, FDA contacted Eskbiochem to recommend the company remove its hand sanitizer products from the market due to the risks associated with methanol poisoning. To date, the company has not taken action to remove these potentially



dangerous products from the market. Therefore, FDA recommends consumers stop using these hand sanitizers and dispose of them immediately in appropriate hazardous waste containers. Do not flush or pour these products down the drain.

FDA reminds consumers to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing one's nose. If soap and water are not readily available, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) recommend consumers use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent ethanol.

FDA remains vigilant and will continue to take action when quality issues arise with hand sanitizers. Additionally, the agency is concerned with false and misleading claims for hand sanitizers, for example that they can provide prolonged protection such as 24-hours against viruses including COVID-19, since there is no evidence to support these claims.

To date, FDA is not aware of any reports of adverse events associated with these hand sanitizer products. FDA encourages health care professionals, consumers and patients to report adverse events or quality problems experienced with the use of hand sanitizers to FDA's [MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting](#) program:

Complete and submit the report [online](#); or  
Download and complete the [form](#), then submit it via fax at 1-800-FDA-0178.